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REDS SPOTTED AT CONVENTION OF S. D. S. HERE

Russ, Peking Backers Are Seen

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Every form of communism has been represented in the leftist Students for a Democratic Society convention being held here at the Coliseum, including the hard-line Soviet brand.

As the internal struggle for control of the S. D. S. culminates between the pro-Peking oriented Progressive Labor party [P. L. P.] and the recently emerged more militant pro-Chinese group known as the Revolutionary union, hard-line communist leaders are staying in the background.

Local and federal investigators who have been closely watching the convention activities since Tuesday have identified several members of the Illinois Communist party attending convention sessions.

Head of State Party

Among them have been James West, a leader and official spokesman of the state Communist party and a one-time member of the party's national board.

Also seen in the convention hall were Jack Spiegel, co-chairman of the Chicago Peace council, and Daniel Queen, both of whom have been identified in Congressional hearings in 1965 as party members. Queen was also identified in 1960 as chairman of the state Communist Party Youth commission.

Ismael P. Flory, director of the Afro-American Heritage association who was also identified in 1965 as a Communist, was also observed by investigators.

Carries Box of Leaflets

Natalie Meyers, who investigators say also uses the name of Julie Michaels, was seen entering the Coliseum with West. She was carrying a large box of propaganda leaflets. Miss Meyers represents the Daily World, the approved communist publication, according

to authorities.

The presence of at least six members of the Socialist Workers party and its youth arm, the Young Socialist alliance, also was noted. Party members are followers of Leon Trotsky, who was expelled from the Russian Communist party.

New Left Prime Target

Among those at the convention were Richard Hill, an organizer for the alliance; Edward Heisler, a member of the Chicago executive committee of the Workers party, and Ellis Burris.

While the new left shows

scant respect for the old-line Communists, investigators note that there is no doubt that the Communist Party-U. S. A. and other communist groups of the old left have made the new left its prime target.

While the new left considers students to be the base of any revolutionary force in our society, the Communists see the working class as the only way to accomplish a revolution.

The ideology of the working class has been pushed thruout the convention by P. L. P. members, who have been working overtime to take control of the S. D. S.

Pushed Summer Plan

It was also the P. L. P. members who pushed thru a summer work-in program in industry in an effort to get workers indoctrinated to leftist views.

Altho the work-in program came out under the banner of a national S. D. S. summer project, it was actually taken word-for-word from a plan prepared in 1967 by the P. L. P. At that time, the plan to infiltrate factories flopped.

Investigators said the identical plan pushed thru the S. D. S. this year has also met with little success so far.

Could Leave Scars

The gigantic split and many leftist ideologies within the S. D. S. has prompted some investigators to believe that the convention could leave scars within the movement that will be difficult to heal.

There has even been talk among many of the convention delegates that at least one, and possibly several, splinter radical groups could form as a result.